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RR REPAIRS CONTINUE, ACCIDENTS INCREASE

YUNNAN REPAIRS COMMUNICATION SYSTEMS -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 1 Mar 50

K'un-ming, 27 February (Hsin-hua) -- The railroads, highways, and telegraph wires destroyed by the fleeing KMT bandit troops have been repaired and are in use again.

The repaired railroads, highways, and telegraph wires include: (1) Chan-i to K'un-ming sector of the K'un-ming -- Suchow Railroad, K'un-ming to Pi-se-chai sector of the K'un-ming -- Haiphong Railroad; (2) the Burma Road, the K'un-ming -- Kuei-yang Highway, the K'un-ming -- Hsing-i Highway, the Szechwan-Yunnan Highway; and (3) 400 kilometers of telegraph wires between K'un-ming and Kuei-yang.

HENG-YANG RR BUREAU REPORTS MORE ACCIDENTS IN JANUARY -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao,
7 Mar 50

Heng-yang -- Although January 1950 was designated as "Accident Prevention Month," the number of railroad accidents within the Heng-yang Railroad Bureau area in January was 1/3 more than that in December 1949. In January, 293 railroad accidents were reported; 27 of which were due to administrative errors, 122 to mechanical defects, 32 to inadequate maintenance of roadbeds, and 112 to other causes. These accidents included 13 trains involved in major accidents, and more than 80 locomotive and rolling stock breakdowns.

On the other hand, the bureau reported that it has attained an average turn-around time of cars of 3.5 days in January, and loaded an average of 738 cars each day.

TELEGRAPH SERVICE TO USSR AVAILABLE FROM CANTON -- Hong Kong Wen-hui Pao, 7 Mar 50

Canton, 6 March -- On 1 March 1950, the Canton Telecommunications Bureau, after having received instructions from the Central People's government, began accepting telegrams to all parts of the USSR, and through the USSR to Hungary, Rumania, Czechoslovakia, Bulgaria, Poland, Albania, and Soviet Zone Germany.

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